REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Non-Complaint Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.121) mailed on October 29, 2003. Claims 1-46, 48-57 and 74-112 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 47 and 58-73 are currently pending. Reconsideration of claims of all pending claims respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants earnestly believe that the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully solicit the Examiner to expedite prosecution of this patent application to issuance. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-2415 (Attorney Docket No. 22488-710).

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